

Our progress

SCHOOLS

Many Minneapolis school teams have a deep commitment to ensuring all kids reach their full potential. We help develop and implement plans that take them from good to great.

Great MN Schools portfolio schools serve **6,653 students**

- 75% from a low-income background
- 93% students of color

A 20% increase from last year

First four school networks completed Good-to-Great plans!

100% of our first cohort

are showing strong progress and are committed to successful plan implementation

- 98% of available seats are full
 - New Millennium Academy grew by **77 students**
 - Prodeo Academy grew by **239 students**
- Student retention averaged **86%**!

Global Academy

Students access high-quality curricula, chosen deliberately and with community needs in mind. Educators hold a high bar for all students and their commitment to using data to drive instruction is outstanding – **93% of teachers believe Global has a rigorous curriculum** – and students have intentional opportunities to contribute to academic discussions.

Northeast College Prep

Students benefit from a team of talented, committed educators who sweat the details to ensure tailored learning experiences. Recent improvements include adoption of high-quality instructional materials in reading and math and year-long teacher

professional development to support successful implementation. **75% of teachers agreed** that “My school is committed to improving my instructional practice” on the Insight Survey.

Prodeo Academy

The meaning of Prodeo: To go forward. This team dedicated themselves to their Good-to-Great plan and made meaningful progress. When they started this work, only 35% of teachers believed their schools were a good place to teach and learn. Prodeo leadership listened, they established a clear academic vision, and they built out systems and structures to support students. Now, there’s a collective belief that Prodeo is a good place for teaching and learning (**86% of teachers strongly agree or agree**).

New Millennium Academy

The school’s culture is thriving, and leaders are intentional, student-centered, and data-driven in their efforts to strengthen the student experience. After analyzing reading data last year, educators connected students in need with targeted literacy interventions as part of the summer program and **accessed government grants** to pay family members to formally support their children in their reading development.

School leaders rate our portfolio directors 5/5 for effectiveness

***** 5.0

100% of schools have implemented new, high-quality curriculum

We reached **100+ school leaders & educators** through our strategic intervention supports

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We support families in finding a best-fit school and advocating for their children within schools.

20,000+ unique visitors

accessed *Minneapolis School Finder, How to Pick a School, and the Readiness Check*

100% of partners said Great MN Schools helped increase their capacity to support families in K-12 education



MinneapolisSchool-Finder.org school profile clicks – **up 100%** from last year



In collaboration with our community partners **3,914 families** accessed *Minneapolis School Finder* and our *Understanding Grade Level guides* and

2,014 received direct support in tool usage



NEW THIS YEAR:

We expanded the TNTP Insight Survey beyond teachers to include families and support staff!

658 individuals completed surveys

We invested **\$1.2 million** into **10** school networks to support implementation of their Good-to-Great work!

- Friendship Academy of the Arts
- Global Academy*
- Hennepin Schools
- Hiawatha Academies
- Hope Academy
- New Millennium Academy*
- Northeast College Prep*
- Prodeo Academy*
- Cristo Rey Jesuit High School**
- New City School**

*Completed initial 3-4 year Good-to-Great plans
**Added to the portfolio this year

My monthly check-ins with Melissa Long were some of the most encouraging meetings of my year. She is a real cheerleader for our work. Her valuable experience leading schools makes her a great sounding board for new ideas we are considering. I wish every school leader had a Melissa in their corner!

~ **Russ Gregg**
Head of School,
Hope Academy

Nurturing progress!

We know what it takes to improve schools. This work is hard, AND we’re seeing signs of results.

Our portfolio schools continue to be a great option for Minneapolis children. Hennepin Schools, for example, successfully transitioned to a new facility in summer 2022 that enables it to serve all grades K-8 in one location, while students demonstrated encouraging growth on 2021-22 academic assessments (in some cases approaching pre-pandemic results).

ADVANCING PROVEN SOLUTIONS

Toward Minneapolis having great schools that are thriving.

Elevating parent voices & power

We launched the **Get on Board school board candidate training program** with partners to help advocates exploring a bid for district school boards.



12 community members – 11 of whom Black, Brown, or Indigenous – participated in the first cohort

Get on Board was designed with a lot of intention and thought. I now have a deeper understanding of the aspects of building, launching, and sustaining a winning campaign. The template to be successful has been created and shared.

~ **Participant**
Get on Board, cohort 1

The school board plays a major role in shaping our education system, ensuring more children attend an excellent and equitable school.

Grade-level guides: Launched pilot tool

131 parents provided feedback on their experience:

- 99%: “I understand if my child is on grade level or not”
- 97%: “I’ll take action in my child’s education”
- 85%+ practice more at home
- 60%+ talk to their child’s teacher
- 50%+ seek additional learning opportunities for their child



The U.S. educational system is very different from the educational systems of Latin American countries, not to mention the cultural difference and the multiple language and systemic barriers our families face on a daily basis.

Having an informative tool, in Spanish, that’s easy to implement at home is something empowering for parents in our community.

~ **Natty Hels**
Centro Tyrone Guzman

Diversifying the teaching profession

Teach Minnesota launched with and placed **high-quality fellows with 11 district or charter school partners** – in the tightest labor market in our state’s and nation’s history.

54% high-quality, aspiring teachers of color – outpacing goal of 50%

Teach Minnesota is TNTP’s alternative teacher preparation program – we spearheaded raising **\$1.25 million** for its launch

I sought Teach Minnesota for the opportunity for the hands-on training, and because of the promise for someone like me who isn’t embarking on the typical path to the teaching profession. The program has been challenging, rooted in mentors and experts supporting my personal and professional growth, and honing my skills, assets, and teacher identity.

~ **Jas Johnson**